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Dear Mr Ruddock

This is my detailed response.

is probably wrong of me to be suspicious of lawyers, but I note that you chose to respond to my email of 20th February 2007, rather than answer directly the question I asked today about what you describe as a "purported communication". It would be very easy for you to clear up this point by simply answering on an unambiguous basis the question I put to you today. You now also have the precise formulation used by Mr Campbell to describe the Letter of Censure. An unambiguous categorical denial would also deal with what he has stated on that aspect. Otherwise the door is left open that such a communication was contemplated or issued, even if the content was different to that stated in our draft or by Mr Campbell.

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Regards

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Yours sincerely,

Keith Ruddock

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General

Re: My email dated 19 February 2007.

We had wanted Shell to have the opportunity to comment on a draft article ...ased on information from documents in our possession and were prepared to take into account in a final draft, any comments made by Shell, particularly in relation to factual accuracy.

To give you some idea of the content, the following are extracts from the current comprehensive draft which contains devastating allegations and commentary about Shell and its senior management: -

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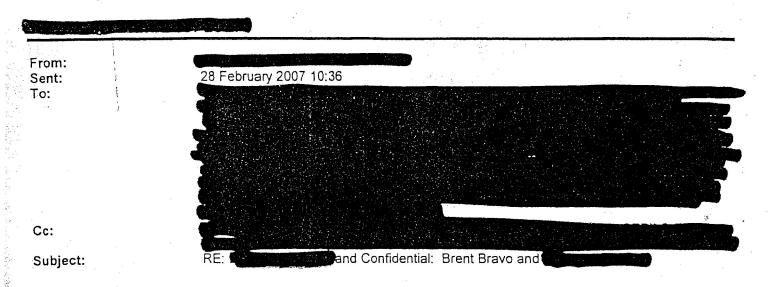
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Dear Mr. Ruddock

Subject to final approval by our principle source, we are ready to publish a major article entitled:

"The Brent Bravo Scandal erupts again"

It will contain links to a number of documents including: -

- 1. The Making of Amends
- 2. Assessment of Residual Risk Levels on Brent Bravo
- 3. Shell in the North Sea: Progress with Safety Fact or Fiction?

Your own worthy role in "The Making of Amends" process is of course mentioned.

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Do you wish to have advance sight of the article which has been drafted in association with our main and secondary sources, including Shell insiders? We would carefully consider any comments made by Shell and, as always, would happily publish with the article, on an unedited basis, any comments/rebuttal made by Shell in response to the astonishing revelations and serious allegations.

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Regards

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ShellNews.net: When is Shell going to sue former Shell International Group Auditor Bill Campbell for defamation?

Dear Mr Van der Veer

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/e really cannot have a distinguished former high level Shell official being allowed to make such accusations without Shell taking action against him for defamation if, as Shell claims, they are untrue.

This is not a case of some outsider ignorant of the facts making wild accusations. The charges in this case are being made by a person of high reputation and considerable expertise following his authorised investigation as Group Auditor into the Brent safety regime.

Since a number of "accidental" deaths have occurred on Brent Bravo, two of which resulted in a record breaking £900,000 fine imposed on Shell, the allegation of falsification of records could result in criminal charges if true.

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Campbell says that ESDV leak-off tests were purposely falsified, not once but many times. He further aneges that the inaction of the relevant Asset Manager, the General Manager, the Oil Director and the Shell Expro Managing Director in 1999 (Malcolm Brinded), contributed in some part to the unlawful killing of two persons on Brent Bravo in September 2003.

My father and I have published some outspoken articles about Shell ourselves but nothing as serious as the charges levelled against Shell management by your own former Group Auditor.

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You had no compunction about bringing a draconian defamation action against Dr John Huong. Why the reluctance to set your lawyers on to Mr Campbell. If you do not take action, people will naturally assume that Shell management is unwilling to do so because Mr Campbell is speaking the truth and can prove it.

20/03/2007

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Knowing Shell management as I do, no doubt Shell undercover agents are already engaged in "activities" in relation to the loose cannon, Mr Campbell - the ultimate whistleblower. As you are aware, one of your predecessors as the boss of bosses at Shell was simultaneously the spymaster of a sinister private intelligence company staffed by former MI6 agents who carried out operations for Shell on an international basis. Mr Campbell will therefore be well advised to be on his guard at all times while these matters are still on the pool.

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EMAIL TO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ShellNews.net: constructive offer to Shell in relation to its defamation lawsuit

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> -----Original Message-----From: John Donovan [mailto:john@shellnews.net] Sent: 20 February 2007 10:17

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To: Ruddock, Keith KA SI-LSEP Cc: van der Veer, Jeroen J RDS-CEJV; Brinded, Malcolm A RDS-ECMB; Ollila, Jorma SI-RDS/CH; Wiseman, Richard RM SI-LMAPF Subject: Brent Bravo Scandal

Dear Mr Ruddock

26/03/2007

Re[®] My email dated 19 February 2007.

We had wanted Shell to have the opportunity to comment on a draft article based on information from documents in our possession and were prepared to take into account in a final draft, any comments made by Shell, particularly in relation to factual accuracy.

To give you some idea of the content, the following are extracts from the current comprehensive draft which contains devastating allegations and commentary about Shell and its senior management: -

· Campbell says that Shell's <u>Chief Internal Auditor, Jakob Stausholm</u>, admitted to him in a taped telephone conversation that the allegations made by Shell against Campbell in the releases were known by him (Stausholm) to be *"false and misleading"*.

• Stausholm also clearly stated in the recorded conversation from June 2004 that the EP internal communiqué did not take into account factual evidence from his investigation report. The evidence was ignored as a conscious decision to strengthen the rebuttal to allegations attributed to Campbell in an article published by UpstreamOnline. Stausholm accepted that this had the secondary effect of punishing Campbell.

In the same taped conversation, Stausholm disassociated himself and his colleague, Richard Sykes, the EP Group Environmental Advisor, from the formation of the wording in the press release and EP internal communiqué.

• Missing files: Campbell says that files held in the Internal Audit department in Aberdeen and at the EPS-HE library in The Hague relating to the PSMR disappeared. Related records of interviews with senior Brent Bravo management when important admittances were made had also conveniently disappeared. The same applied to logbooks, maintenance records, statements by inspectors etc.

• That contrary to Shell press statements no audit was carried out on Brent Bravo in 2000.

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Jeroen van der Veer has sent a Letter of Censure to Brinded. It concluded that Brinded was wrong to dismiss Campbell as SIEP Lead Auditor. Brinded was also required to apologise personally to PSMR team members. A note to be issued by Brinded to EP staff and audit professionals was drafted. The tone implied that Brinded was on first name terms with "Bill". In fact they had not spoken for a decade.

· Kieron McFayden admitted at a meeting with Campbell in the presence of a witness, David Richmond (a retired Shell platform manager), that when he learned about the "touch fuck all" policy, he was "thoroughly ashamed".

• Campbell says: "I have been thoroughly sickened by the whole process that a Company with such published principles and standards can lie, cheat, falsify and corrupt and defame the character of a respected employee who has been commended various times throughout his long career."

Campbell has continued to publicly campaign about the alleged disregard for safety out of concern that unless past wrongdoing is exposed and culprits punished, another major accident is inevitable and that more preventable deaths will be the outcome.

Since we have not even received the courtesy of an acknowledgement, it seems reasonable to conclude that Shell is not interested in the offer. Consequently, unless we hear from you by 2pm UK time today we

will assume that Shell does not wish to take up the offer and will not bother Shell further on the matter.

While writing, I would also like to draw your attention to the following article.

ShellNews.net: Update on lawsuits against Royal Dutch Shell

No doubt Shell will let us know if it disputes what we say in this article.

Regards John Donovan